

REMARKS

The comments of the applicant below are each preceded by related comments of the examiner (in small, bold type).

The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because paragraph 46 is missing an referenced U.S. Patent application number. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Paragraph [0046] has been amended to supply the application number of the referenced U.S. Patent Application.

Claims 1-31 and 38-40 are allowed.

Claims 34 – 37 have been canceled. The applicant acknowledges that all the pending claims have been found patentable.

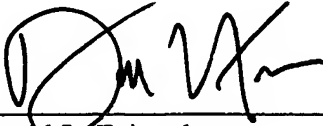
Canceled claims, if any, have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Any circumstance in which the applicant has (a) addressed certain comments of the examiner does not mean that the applicant concedes other comments of the examiner, (b) made arguments for the patentability of some claims does not mean that there are not other good reasons for patentability of those claims and other claims, or (c) amended or canceled a claim does not mean that the applicant concedes any of the examiner's positions with respect to that claim or other claims.

No fees are believed due at this time. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050, Order No. 02103-589001.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 5/3/06



David L. Feigenbaum
Reg. No. 30,378

Fish & Richardson P.C.
225 Franklin Street
Boston, MA 02110
Telephone: (617) 542-5070
Facsimile: (617) 542-8906